

## **Musicians Katherine Haroldson '12 & Courtney Chang '12 Earn National Honors**

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During spring break two members of the St. Andrew's Orchestra earned substantial recognition. Cellist **Katherine Haroldson '12** successfully competed in the "Delaware Idols" National String Competition, held at the University of Delaware. Selected on the basis of an initial video audition, Katherine advanced to the final round of competition and placed third for her performance of the Saint-Saens Cello Concerto. She gave a beautiful performance in the Winners' Recital on Sunday, March 18. "Katherine played this concerto with our orchestra last year," said Director of Instrumental Music Fred Geiersbach. "She knows the piece well and continues to find new and more sophisticated ways of shaping her interpretation. I was very impressed with her showing in this competition."

Violinist **Courtney Chang '12** learned over spring break that she has been selected to perform as part of the MENC All-National Orchestra. In addition to being the first St. Andrew's student to make All-Eastern, Courtney is the first from our school to make All-National. At the conclusion of the four-day festival in Washington, D.C. Courtney will perform at the Kennedy Center on June 26. "Courtney was eligible to audition for All-National based on her acceptance to All-Eastern," said Geiersbach. "I knew she had a shot at making it and I am thrilled she will have this experience. It will also be fascinating to find out how high she places in these orchestras – she has the talent to go all the way to the top." Courtney will find out where she sits based on seating auditions held the first evening of each festival.